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## Nigeria eases its curfew

Feb. 23 (AFP). — The Nigerian government eased the dusk-to-dawn curfew imposed on Feb. 13 after the abortive coup which head of state Murtala Muhammed killed.

New regulations were issued regarding curfew hours which have been stopped since the attempted coup, or about the frontiers have remained closed.

## Israeli cops bust up gang

TEL AVIV, Feb. 23, (R). — Police have rounded up a gang of 20 new immigrants from the Soviet Union believed to have stolen property worth 20 million Israeli pounds (about 1,430,000 sterling), police sources said here today.

The gang is said to have operated in groups of up to four in nearly 40 towns and villages throughout the country, sometimes using an hydraulic crane to break down walls.

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## Sadat meets Polisario delegation in Algiers

Feb. 23, (Agencies). — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat met today a delegation of the Polisario Front in Algiers.

A Polisario spokesman described the meeting as "useful."

The Polisario delegation was headed by Mr. Mohammed Ould Zia, President of the provisional Saharan National Council which was created last November to replace the Sahara Jemaa (assembly) by tribal chiefs who backed the Polisario movement.

Mr. Zia left for Morocco on Sunday.

In Rabat the Arab League Secretary-General today opened the second stage of a new mediation attempt between Algeria and Morocco over the disputed Western Sahara region, with talks in Fes with Moroccan King Hassan II.

Mr. Zia, who spent the weekend in Algiers where he met President Houari Boumedienne and Foreign Minister Abdelaziz Bouteflika, arrived in Morocco yesterday.

Moroccan Information Minister Ahmed Taibi Benhima, just back from talks in Tunis with President Habib Bourguiba, attended the Fes talks, reliable sources in Rabat said.

In a related development, it was reported today that United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim left for New York after a short halt in Zurich for talks on the Sahara, Timor and the Middle East.

He had a one-hour meeting with the visiting Spanish Foreign Minister Jose Maria de Arellano during which he understood to have briefed the minister on the recent mission to the Sahara of U.N. special envoy Olof Rydbeck.

From Dakar, it was learned that Mr. Ahmed Bensouda, Moroccan representative on the tripartite administration of Western Sahara, today delivered to Mauritania President Mokhtar Ould Daddah a message from King Hassan II, Radio Mauritania reported.

Mr. Bensouda, who arrived in Nouakchott this morning, told Radio Mauritania the message came within the framework of the agreements between the two heads of state that Morocco and Mauritania will repulse aggression from any quarter.

In Damascus Syrian President Hafez Al-Assad today received a message from Algerian leader Houari Boumedienne.

Mr. Othman Saadi, Algeria's ambassador in Damascus who delivered the message, told reporters it dealt with the latest developments of the situation in Western Sahara.



ONCE AGAIN. — A Palestinian Armed Struggle Command member crouches behind a pickup as he takes position in front of the Canadian Embassy in Beirut Monday as armed elements held hostages inside the embassy.

## Canadian embassy drama in Beirut ends with release of all hostages

BEIRUT, Feb. 23 (Agencies). — Five gunmen invaded the Canadian embassy here today, seized more than 20 hostages under threats of death and demanded to speak to Canadian Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, and later released their hostages unharmed after receiving promises that their demands would be met, reliable sources here said.

The gunmen were led by a Lebanese former emigrant deported from Canada, Ahmad Haymour.

The embassy, on fashionable Hamra street, was surrounded during the drama by about 100 men, Lebanese army sharpshooters, Palestinian military police in their distinctive berets, and an assortment of gunmen in civilian clothes, some with armbands sporting the insignia of left-wing parties.

Palestinian sources here said Mr. Haymour, who originates from Bekaa in the central highlands, spent 19 months in a Canadian psychiatric hospital before his deportation. He demanded that his Canadian born wife and four children be repatriated from Canada and that the authorities issue a certificate declaring him sane, the sources said.

Peter Sullivan, Charge d'Affaires at the embassy and the ranking diplomat among the hostages, commented after being freed that it had been a "very difficult day."

Smiling but visibly tired after the ordeal, Mr. Sullivan said he was happy over the outcome of the incident and grateful to the authorities who had brought it to a conclusion.

The diplomat declined to comment on whether Mr. Haymour's demands were met.

Mr. Sullivan said the Canadian government would look into Haymour's grievances.

Asked whether he had made any concessions, Mr. Sullivan replied: "I did what was necessary to ensure a satisfactory conclusion."

A member of the Lebanese parliament who was inside the embassy acting as a negotiator said that Mr. Haymour had only four accomplices, all members of his family, and that they had also surrendered.

The parliamentarian, Michel Maalouli, told journalists that the five men had been taken to a Lebanese army barracks and that they would face trial.

Mr. Maalouli is a member of parliament for the Bekaa region of central Lebanon, where Mr. Haymour was born.

## Khaled-Sadat talks centre on ME settlement

CAIRO, Feb. 23, (Agencies). — Egypt and Saudi Arabia will not allow a new stalemate in efforts towards a final settlement of the Middle East conflict, Saudi Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal said today.

In a statement broadcast by Riyadh Radio and monitored here, the prince said Saudi Arabia's King Khaled and Egypt's President Anwar Sadat, were concentrating in their Riyadh summit on "rejecting the return of stalemate to the Middle East situation."

The Saudi Foreign Minister said the two leaders were keen on achieving unity in Arab ranks. He described this as a basic requirement for progress towards settling the Arab-Israeli conflict.

In Riyadh King Khaled and President Sadat today resumed talks at the Saudi royal encampment in the North Arabian desert.

They had left Riyadh by plane this morning for what was also expected to be a private hunting trip in a remote desert region. King Khaled is a keen hunter.

## Expert says in interview

U.S. will pressure Israel if necessary for M.E. peace settlement

Times staff reporter... states, including Syria to a lesser degree, have implicitly made it known they would recognize some sort of Jewish state in the Middle East, but it still remains for the PLO and the Palestinian people to come forth with some basic statements about whether or not they will recognize the existence of some form of Zionist state in Palestine.

Dr. Bauer says Israeli intransigence in accepting to deal with the PLO is matched by PLO vagueness about what form of Jewish presence will be accepted in the area.

He says the Israelis have much support in the United States when they claim that negotiations with the PLO would constitute an a priori Israeli acceptance to negotiate away the existence of Israel as it now exists.

"The PLO asks the Israelis to cease to exist as an exclusive Jewish state and talk about a Jewish-Muslim-Christian state in Palestine. This is not accepted by the Zionists," he explains.

In this situation, Dr. Bauer feels, the United States has "a modicum of credibility" on both sides and can thus continue to mediate in efforts to find a peaceful solution.

With the United States having emerged from the 1973 October War in a much stronger diplomatic position in the region, he says, and with the recognition throughout the world that the Palestinian people's national aspirations must be satisfied in any Middle East peace plan, the United States is now in a position to help settle the Palestinian question within the context of a general peace.

Dr. Bauer feels this is now in the self-interest of the Americans for two reasons: because of the continuing desire to defuse a potentially explosive conflict that could have superpower implications, and to lessen the

## Kissinger rebuffed during Bogota stop

BOGOTA, Feb. 23 (R). — U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger left here today for San Jose, Costa Rica, on the fifth leg of a Latin American tour. He has already visited Venezuela, Peru, Brazil and Colombia.

In Bogota, Colombia President Alfonso Lopez Michelsen Monday gave Mr. Kissinger the first rebuff of his week-old tour by refusing to condemn the Cuban military presence in Angola.

"This is not the first time one of the countries of the hemisphere has intervened outside the hemisphere," he said.

Asked whether he was referring to the U.S. intervention in Vietnam, Mr. Lopez replied: "I leave it to you."

Senor Lopez Michelsen said Colombia intended to establish relations with the Cuban-backed Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA).

Colombian police meanwhile broke up demonstrations by university students protesting against the U.S. intervention in Vietnam.



TALKS IN RIYADH. — King Khaled of Saudi Arabia (left) and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat are pictured after the latter's arrival in Riyadh for a five-day visit to Saudi Arabia to discuss the Middle East situation and bilateral relations.

## Hassled grandma sums up mood of U.S. voters

MANCHESTER, NEW HAMPSHIRE, Feb. 23, (R). — A grandmotherly waitress in a Manchester restaurant, weary of the relentless campaigning by candidates in Tuesday's first presidential primary election of 1976, finally exploded in exasperation today.

"I can't tell any of them apart," Rose Girardoux shouted to the cook. "If they don't stop ringing my phone, I'm going to scream."

The cook nodded sympathetically when Mrs. Girardoux declared she was not going to vote tomorrow—and a general air of uncertainty was reflected in the latest opinion polls which rated President Gerald Ford and former California Governor Ronald Reagan still neck and neck in the Republican race.

## Arab health ministers agree to fund-raising effort for Lebanon

By Lina Gress  
Special to the Jordan Times

The first session of the Council of the Arab Ministers of Health, inaugurated here Sunday by Prime Minister Zeid Rifai, is still colouring the local scene with a cosmopolitan flair, while its members are attending pleenary sessions, visiting medical sites and cultural and scientific institutes, and attending official banquets.

Great hopes are pinned on the outcome of the session which came into existence by the decision of the 4th Arab Health Ministers' Conference, held in Baghdad.

"The fund-raising decision is the first practical and serious decision to truly aid the Lebanese people by one unified Arab action," the Deputy Secretary-General of the Arab League, Dr. Ass'ad Al-Ass'ad, told the Jordan Times after the meeting in which the post-war Lebanese situation was discussed.

He was referring to a decision adopted Monday to send a committee from the Council of Arab Ministers of Health to tour Arab states and collect aid money for the people of Lebanon.

Dr. Al-Ass'ad added that over 200,000 Lebanese have emigrated to other countries, while 400,000 have become refugees.

On this point, the Director-General of the Lebanese Ministry of Health, Dr. Robert Saadeh, outlined the decisions taken in favour of Lebanon.

Dr. Saadeh lauded the unified medical support to be given to Lebanon in the name of the

## Gulf states prepare to unify industry

DOHA, Qatar, Feb. 23, (AFP). — The Gulf States will on Thursday hold their first industry ministers conference here with the object of laying down a "joint industrial strategy."

Taking part will be Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman as well as Qatar.

The basic idea of the proposed strategy is for the Gulf nations to set up industrial facilities that are complementary, thus avoiding duplication and unnecessary competition.

The joint strategy should mean greater mobility as regards products, capital and qualified manpower. It may well pave the way to the setting up of a Gulf Common Market.

## Former UN official

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## Peace starts at home

There is an element of absurdity tinged with a strong dose of sheer insult in Israel Premier Rabin's declaration that Israel is ready to sign an all-encompassing peace treaty with the Arabs, coming as it does while Israeli military policemen in the thousands have covered the occupied West Bank territories in their latest effort to suppress the waves of protest there.

Travellers from the West Bank Monday told the Jordan Times that there are now nearly as many Israeli policemen and army troops as citizens in Nablus, and the Al Haram Al Kudsi holy district in Jerusalem (site of the Al Aqsa and Dome of the Rock Mosques) is similarly blanketed by uniformed, armed soldiers and policemen of the Israeli occupying authorities.

In Nablus and Ramallah, troops stand on rooftops, while others chase 9-year-old schoolgirls through the streets of the cities to catch and arrest them. Their crime: resistance to the Israelis, protests against the Israeli court ruling allowing non-Muslims to pray at Al Aqsa Mosque, and taking part in a popular uprising against the occupying power.

For this, special Israeli military courts are fining the students sums of up to several hundred dollars each, while the Arab population has decided to uniformly defy the fines, refuse to pay bail money and remain in jail for however long that is necessary.

On top of the special military courts, the Israelis may well find they have to build more prisons to house all the schoolchildren they are throwing into jail.

This is the backdrop to Premier Rabin's call for a peace treaty with the Arabs, and it brings up the old saying that one should watch what they do and not what they say. What the Israelis are doing is acting as themselves and showing their true colours. They are not here to make peace with the Arabs. They are here as the embodiment and instrument of vague 19th century Zionist dreams once articulated by a disenchanted Vienna journalist-lawyer. Until the Israelis are honest enough with themselves to admit they do not know what they want in the Middle East and how much land they covet, they will go around beating up some Arab schoolchildren, and jailing the rest.

This is the fact and reality of life on the Israeli-occupied West Bank this week, and before Mr. Rabin starts making pleasant sounding statements about peace with his neighbours, he should first do something about peace with the Arab people he now has in his prisons.

## ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Realism is finally asserting weight in the service of their self in America's policy on case.

Last night's Israeli "offer" for ending the state of war proved itself, the U.S. will with the Arabs provides Israel eventually recognise the need with new room for manoeuvre situation in Angola despite efforts at the beginning to do otherwise Al-Ra'i said on Monday.

This is indicated by Washington's request to American oil companies to pay royalties for Angolan oil to the MPLA government.

It is hoped that political realism will eventually infect America's perspective on the Middle East as it did in the case of Angola, the paper said.

Such expectations will not be realized unless the Arabs impose their will as they did in the October War. The Arabs then made use of a military confrontation oil confrontation politics and a successful diplomatic offensive.

The same stand is needed now to force Washington as before to accept Arab terms.

The spirit of October vanished very quickly after resolution 338.

Subsequent side agreements also helped bring the situation to stand still.

Al-Ra'i concluded that the Arabs are to be blamed for the current impasse, for not exercising their political and economic

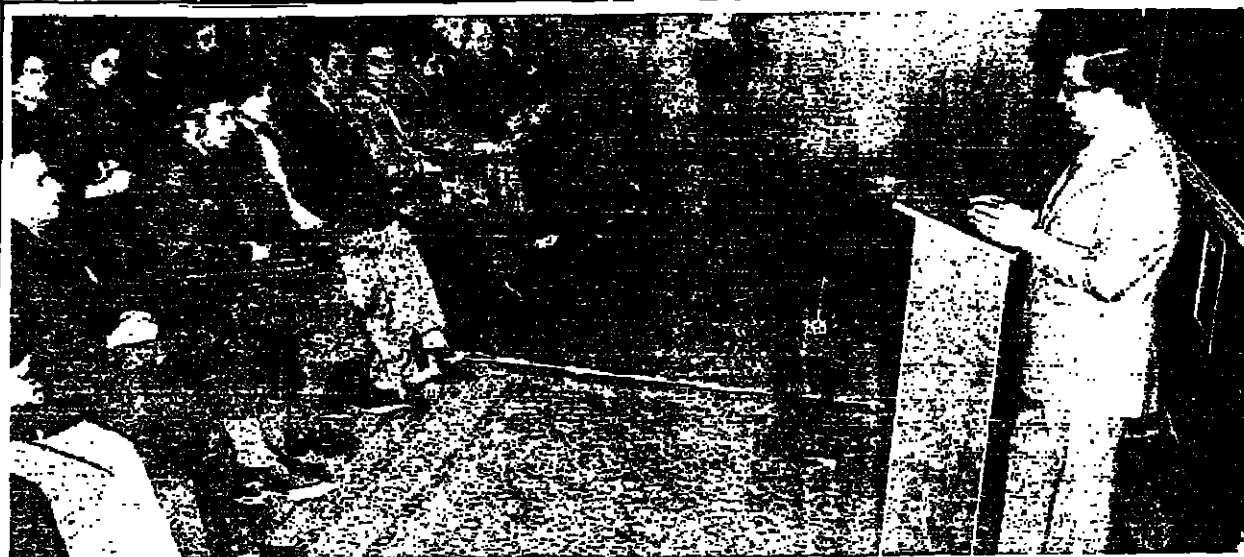
offer as a manoeuvre intended to solicit an Arab offer to end the state of war without any actual Israeli decision for real withdrawal.

The United States and Israel have to realise that an end to the state of war has to be coupled with complete Israeli withdrawal from all occupied Arab territories, first and foremost from the immortal city of Jerusalem.

## SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

Jordanian man, age 30, 10 years experience Administrative Management, Business Correspondence, Public Relations, English-Arabic Translations, Car Owner, seeks position of responsibility with a firm.

PHONE : 61962



MINISTERS VISIT THE UNIVERSITY. — The president of the University of Jordan, Dr. Abdel Salam Al Majali, briefs the Arab health ministers Monday on the development of the university.

## Antiquity dealers to submit records of possessions

AMMAN. — Antique dealers will have to submit records of all the antiquities in their possession to the Department of Antiquities by April 16 or suffer the penalties provided by the law, Mr Ya'qub Oweis, the Director of Antiquities announced on Monday.

The records should include a list accompanied with pictures of all antiquities in the dealers' possession, the places where they were discovered and how they reached the hands of their present owners. The date of purchase and the price paid for each item should also be mentioned.

This is in conformity with article 25 of the 1976 antiquities law no. 12. Any person violating the above mentioned law will be liable to a 2-month to 2-year term in prison and to a 30 to 200 dinar fine. In addition, the antiquities in question will be confiscated.

Article 25 stipulates that such records should be submitted no later than two months from Feb. 16. The same law has forbidden all dealings in antiquities as of that date and revoked all existing licenses.

## Jordan's weather network to expand

AMMAN. — Jordan's meteorological network, including weather forecast stations, will be expanded and developed to cover all parts of the country, the Director-General of the Meteorological Department, Mr Ghazi Rifai said today.

A new met station, complete with up-to-date equipment, has been installed in King Hussein Air Base, together with stations in Shobek and Ras en Naqb in the south, Ajloun and Khanasri in the north, and two others near Amman.

These improvements are in line with Jordan's development programme and the swift progress in the met field throughout the world, Mr Rifai added.

## Private sector welcomes new fund

AMMAN, (JNA). — The Al Hussein Fund for developmental studies, recently set up by the Council of Ministers, has been warmly welcomed by the Jordanian private sector.

The Fund, as leading private sector personalities said Monday, will set up a specialised body to conduct research on the feasibility of several industrial projects, as well as undertake studies on labour problems in an emergent industrial society.

The private sector, as it is going to benefit from such a fund, is ready to contribute to the financing of the project, the same people added.

The Fund will be headed by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce, and will include as members the President of the Amman Chamber of Industry and the Dean of the School of Economics and Commerce at the University of Jordan.

## U.N. envoy here Feb. 26

AMMAN (JT). — The Assistant Secretary General of the United Nations, Roberto Guyer, is expected in Amman on February 26.

He will discuss with the Jordanian authorities prospects of resumption of the Geneva peace conference and the question of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's participation.

## Jordan, India to sign preferential trade agreement

AMMAN. — Jordan and India will Tuesday sign a preferential trade agreement here it was announced today.

The agreement, which will take effect as from Tuesday, provides for the activation of trade and for preferential treatment no less than that offered to any third party. Jordan and India will also extend the necessary facilities to each other in the matter of trade fairs between the two countries and the entry of subjects of one country to the territory of the other.

The document will be signed for Jordan by the Minister of Industry and Commerce, Dr Rajai el Muasher and for India, by the Indian Ambassador in Amman.

## Prince Hassan returns from European tour

AMMAN. — High Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Her Highness Princess Tharwat returned here Sunday evening after a three week private visit to Europe.

They were met at Amman Airport by His Majesty King Hussein, Her Majesty Queen Alya, Her Highness Princess Basma, Premier Zeid Rifai, Chief of the Royal Hashemite Court, Mr Mudhar Badran, Sharif Nasser Ibn Jamil, the Speaker of the Upper House, the Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces and other senior officials.

Prince Hassan spent the last part of his tour in Britain, where he held working meetings with a number of British top officials, businessmen, bank managers and members of the House of Commons and House of Lords. He also met with Jordan's ambassadors in Europe.

The Crown Prince discussed with Mr David Ennals, British Minister of State for Foreign

## Joint Jordan-industrial zone needs 3 months

AMMAN. — Plans for the Jordanian industrial zone to be established at the common border between the two countries will be within three months, said today Dr Hashem Dabdersecretary of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce.

The Syrian and Jordanian sides will meet Tuesday to resume talks establishment of the zone.

Dr Taha Bali, Director of the Syrian firm said the necessary business house the administrative, those of finance, other services will be in the same area. Implementation of the industrial zone could start soon, he said commended by the Haddan-Syrian Committee its last meetings in

## WHAT'S GOING ON

## BRITISH COUNCIL :

Exhibition open during library hours of books on English for special purposes.

## U.S.I.S. 7.00 p.m. :

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Tuesday, February 24 — 7 p.m.



\$50 MILLION DAMAGE. — Six men were killed and 25 injured in an explosion at this grain elevator near Houston, Texas, Sunday. Police said ten people were missing after the blast. A fire brigade spokesman estimated the damage at \$50 million. The plant is a major loading for U.S. grain sold to the Soviet Union.

## Television

CHANNEL 3 & 6 :  
 6.00 Quran  
 6.10 Cartoons  
 6.30 Barbary Coast  
 8.00 News in Arabic

CHANNEL 3 :  
 7.30 Arabic songs  
 8.30 Book review  
 9.30 Arabic series

CHANNEL 6 :  
 7.30 News in Hebrew  
 7.45 Varieties  
 8.30 Doctor in the house  
 9.00 Science report  
 9.10 Woman I love  
 10.00 News in English  
 10.15 Switch (on both channels)

## Amman Airport

## DEPARTURES :

7.20 Beirut  
 8.45 Beirut (M.E.A.)  
 9.30 Rome  
 10.00 Cairo  
 10.15 Kuwait (K.A.C.)  
 10.30 Athens, Madrid, Casablanca  
 11.00 Geneva, Brussels, Amsterdam  
 19.00 Bahrain, Bangkok  
 21.00 Jeddah

## ARRIVALS :

8.30 Bangkok, Bahrain.  
 9.30 Kuwait (K.A.C.)  
 9.50 Beirut  
 16.15 Cairo  
 16.30 Paris  
 16.55 London  
 17.20 Copenhagen, Frankfurt  
 17.45 Rome  
 18.30 Beirut

## Radio

## [ON 856 KHZ]

7.00 Breakfast show.  
 7.30 News Bulletin  
 7.45 Morning Melodies  
 12.00 Pop session (part I)  
 13.00 News Summary  
 13.03 Pop session (part II)  
 14.00 News Bulletin  
 14.10 Radio magazine  
 14.30 Good vibrations  
 15.00 Classical Music  
 15.30 Light Instrumentals  
 16.00 Old Favourites  
 16.30 Easy listening  
 17.00 Studio one  
 18.00 News Summary  
 18.05 Listener's choice  
 18.30 Story time  
 19.00 News Bulletin  
 19.10 News reports  
 19.30 Sign off.

## Market Price

Apples (Double Red) 200—240  
 Apples (Golden) 120—160  
 Apples (Starken) 120—160  
 Bananas 150—190  
 Bell pepper 90—120  
 Beets 50—65  
 Cabbage 40—60  
 Cauliflower 40—55  
 Chestnuts 300—330  
 Carrots (Yellow) 40—70  
 Carrots (Black) 50—80  
 Cucumbers (Small) 250—310  
 Cucumbers (Large) 150—200  
 Grapefruit 30—50  
 Garlic 50—80  
 Lemon 80—110  
 Lettuce (Large) 60—80  
 Lettuce (Small) 30—50  
 Hot Pepper 300—360  
 Horse Beans 140—160  
 Marrow (Small) 200—240  
 Marrow (Large) 100—150  
 Onions 120—160  
 Oranges (French) 60—80  
 Oranges (Local) 50—80  
 Oranges (Naval) 70—100  
 Potatoes (Egyptian) 75—  
 Potatoes (Local) 100—130  
 Tomatoes 70—110

## Tonight's Emergencies.

## DOCTORS :

Mwaffac Khazne Kattibi

## PHARMACIES :

University (44564)

Shadi (25655)

Hayat (24636)

## TAXIS :

Taxina (44660)

Talal (25021)

Tower (21028)

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## New York City again faces big financial trouble

NEW YORK, Feb. 23, (AFP). — The financial crisis of New York city has come to the fore again, two months after the last big scare subsided.

The business community is obsessed with the prospect of a deficit exceeding \$1 billion for the fiscal year ending next June 30.

People are even wondering whether the rescue plan set up in December by the federal authorities may be outpaced already.

The federal aid was offered at a moment when the bankruptcy, or "default" as it is termed, of the city was a very real possibility. The city undertook to achieve equilibrium in its finances within about two years

and a half in return for federal loans that could total \$6.4 billion.

But New York State Governor Hugh Carey has said that the convalescence period may need to be longer.

The city, whose plight threatens the State's budget position, is understood to have asked for a five-year period in which to put its accounts in order while providing the minimum of services to the city's occupants.

The seriousness of the city's problem may be judged from the number of staff made redundant last year: 40 thousand out of a total of 300 thousand. And last month another 3 thousand lost their jobs.

New York's unemployment rate is now 11 per cent, and 40 per cent of the young blacks are out of work.

As bad luck would have it, the city has had its worst January for 10 years as regards weather conditions. The snow lay thick for longer than usual, through lack of staff.

Several fires have assumed dramatic proportions due, say the New Yorkers, to the cut in firefighting staff.

The city's population has never been gloomier. This is the world's most expensive place to live in. Local taxes are forcing companies to leave at an accelerating pace.

A number of Wall Street broking firms are seriously think-

ing of moving over to the other side of the Hudson river in New Jersey, where taxes are lower.

As a result of this trend, the city of New York is finding its revenue declining.

It is also reported that Federal and State participation in various social programmes is to be cut by \$140 million per annum.

Trade unions, already furious over the huge redundancies last year, are still uneasy over their acceptance of a pay peg plan lasting until 1978.

If more sackings take place, union chiefs could interpret them as a de facto end of their "contract" with the local authorities.

Ordinary folk are getting irate, too. District organisations seem to be gaining in strength, becoming more militant.

They claim that new sacrifices are out of the question for New Yorkers. Already several hospitals have closed down, there are not enough policemen and firemen, schools are overcrowded and the standard of education is falling, garbage lies around for longer than it used to, fares for traveling in public transport have reached a psychological threshold.

People readily say that bankruptcy lies ahead, in spite of all the negotiations in recent months. Some consider that the New York running sore cannot be healed.

This is a grim prospect for the eight million or so people who live and work here.

The only consolation seems to be that several other cities including Boston and Philadelphia are in much the same boat.

### OECD now sees some hope for European economies

PARIS, Feb. 23, (AFP). — OECD economists are less gloomy about the prospects of an economic upturn in Europe than they were only a couple of months ago.

The 24-nation Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development then published in its economic bulletin predictions that the continent's economies would expand by an average of less than three per cent in 1976, with countries like France and Germany doing better and Britain and Italy much worse.

OECD statisticians are not prepared to go out on a limb yet, but their forecasts are lining up more closely with the estimates published optimistically by governments which wanted to believe all signs of recovery being just around the corner.

### TAX PAYER ASSISTANCE

#### FOR UNITED STATES FEDERAL INCOME TAX

A representative of the United States Internal Revenue Service will provide taxpayer assistance to all persons wishing to file a United States Federal Income Tax return. The representative will offer half-day seminars from 0900 to 1200 hours on Sunday March 7, 1976 and Monday March 8. In addition he will be available for assistance on a walk-in basis from 13.30 to 16.00 hours on March 7 and March 8, the morning and afternoon of March 9 and the morning of March 10.

Both the seminars and the walk-in assistance will be at the American Center (USIS) just off Third Circle. All who have tax questions or problems are urged to use the services of the IRS representative which are provided free of charge.

## ECONOSCOPE

### Conservation: trick or treat?

By Jawad Ahmad

It is interesting to see how certain golden rules are twisted around by businessmen for commercial purposes. Examples on this can be quite entertaining for the observer.

It is known that "saving" is an ethical virtue, and many countries encourage people to save in order to facilitate investment. Economically, saving is abstention from spending and consumption, or that part of current income which is not consumed in the current period and postponed for consumption in subsequent periods. Businessmen during sale days encourage customers to grab this price-cut opportunity by using the slogan, "Save — buy now." This slogan includes two contradictory acts at the same time.

Another rule of thumb says "the customer is always right," or "give the customer whatever he wants." In economics, the consumer (not the customer) is assumed to be rational in his purchases of the commodities which give him the highest attainable level of utility at the lowest possible price. In the language of business, the customer is "right" or "rational" as long as he buys from the shop. The shopkeeper convinces the customer that whatever he wishes is available.

However, marketing trickery has often been thought of as a practice confined to merchants and not to countries. Yet, surprising as it may seem, some countries have been using words and acts of wisdom to sell to or prevent purchases from other countries.

For instance, the United States Government has tried to block the success of Concorde under the false guise of noise pollution. It is claimed that Concorde is so noisy as to jeopardise the peace and quiet of the people living near airports. If pollution is such a problem, then why not stop using the jumbo jets which eject equally poisonous smoke?

Other countries have tried to limit Japan's whale hunting industry under the pretext of conservation. Beef in Japan is abhorringly

costly, and whale fillet is loved by the Japanese. So why stop eating one of their essential foods for the sake of conservation?

I do not want to sound adversarial "environment cleanlines" or to "constrain." They are sound principles and we watchdogs to tell us that we go beyond safety mark. But to carry on against essential activity for the sake of keeping clean is not always right, nor is it all done in the most innocent manner. It trick capitalised on by the other interest groups who appeal to such principle achieve their own ends.

It is known that industrialised countries suffer from pollution, which is one of by-products of industrialisation. Would countries condemn their industries in to save the environment? Of course instead they are looking for ways and means to minimize pollution. The necessity of industry by far exceeds the quixotic cry environmentalists.

In 1972, for instance, the Alaska oil line was stopped because the environmentalist lobby succeeded in rallying sufficient port to block it. After the costs of it went up, and the feasibility of the pipeline became too attractive to resist, environmentalists were hushed, and the pipeline is going through.

Those who oppose Arab investment United States are trying to prevent Kuwait from turning an island they bought on South Carolina coast into a tourist resort using the pretence of conservation. This clear case of the absurd exploitation of good physiocratic nature of conservation. The instigators are not that innocent; aim mainly at limiting any Arab investment in the United States in fear of extended influence.

Conservation is beautiful, but us properly is even more beautiful.

### Contract extension makes Dubai dry dock of world class

DUBAI, Feb. 23, (R). A British joint venture company, Costain-Taylor Woodrow has been awarded an extension, of £1 million, to its contract to build the Dubai dry dock for oil tankers, company officials said here today.

The extension increases the total value of the contract to £162 million and will be used to substantially increase the scope of the repair and maintenance facilities at the Gulf dock. This will make it one of the largest ship repair complexes in the world when completed.

Company officials said a supplementary agreement covering the extension was signed here at a ceremony attended by the ruler of the state Sheikh Rashid Bin Said Al Maktoum.

Since the original contract was awarded in December, 1973, the British firm has built breakwaters, reclaimed land, and put more than a quarter of the dock into position.

### Americans rush for Concorde seats

British Airways says there has been a rush of American applications for seats on Concorde's first commercial flight across the North Atlantic, as a result of the US decision to let the supersonic transport operate in and out of New York and Washington for a trial period of 16 months.

And although neither British Airways nor the present Concorde operator, Air France, can take firm bookings for Concorde seats on the North Atlantic routes between London/Paris and New York and Washington because no date has yet been decided for the start of such services, BA has already applied for permission to start Concorde operations into the two cities and has long been accepting what it describes as "seat requests."

Under this system if a passenger calls British Airways and wants to book a Concorde seat he is told he will be put on the seat request list; when the timetable for the new supersonic services is agreed he will be asked to convert his request to a firm booking.

British Airways plans to introduce Concorde on its North Atlantic services in May. Two flights a day would leave London for New York while the second is due to start before the end of this month.

### ECONOMI BRIEFS

● PITTSBURGH. — A can coal producer, C tion Coal Co., has agreed to cut the price of its quality coking coal by a ton from April 1.

● LONDON. — A government Anglo-Israeli economic committee will be set up next to develop trade and co-operation between Israel, an informant said.

● TOKYO. — The government decided to set up a pe office of the Japan-Sabia joint committee in at the end of March. As the first Japanese representative will be Minister Tada and the Japanese in Riyadh.

### LONDON MARKET REPORT

The market was very firm all day Monday helped Street and some institutional buying, dealers said. At 1 FT Index was up 9.1 at 401.0.

Government bonds firmed after an uncertain start long dated loans up to 3/4 point higher. Shorts gained to 5/16 point.

Leading industrials closed a penny off the top in but rises of up to 8p were frequently seen.

Oils and banks were also firm, with National West bank up 12p in front of its results tomorrow.

Mining shares were quietly mixed, and dollar stock Australians firmed in line with home markets.

Hoover added 15p after higher than expected profits names to gain between 7p and 10p included Glaxo, Fison Thorn, Hawker, Beecham and Unilever.

Southern Rhodesian bonds were two points higher a comment before easing off slightly, and in cautious market Beers lost 10p.

### Advertisement for prequalifications of contractors

#### Aqaba Port Expansion Project Jordan

1. The Ministry of Transport of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan intends to invite Tenders from a limited number of suitably qualified contractors for the following contracts which are to be carried out as part of the Aqaba Port Expansion project:

2. The work involves the construction of:

##### A. GENERAL CARGO BERTHS AND ASSOCIATED FACILITIES

This contract will probably comprise the following works:

- (i) The construction of four general cargo berths, each 180 m long. The form of construction will be steel and/or concrete piles with a reinforced concrete deck.
- (ii) The reclamation of land by the deposition of filling material obtained from land borrow areas.
- (iii) The construction of berthing facilities for Roll-on/Roll-off vessels.
- (iv) The construction of four transit sheds and a cold store.
- (v) The construction of roads, open storage areas, services and other minor works.

This contract will provide for all the works to be completed within a maximum period of 24 months contract period, but there will be an additional requirement that two of the general cargo berths shall be completed and brought into service within maximum period of 18 months of the award of the contract.

##### B. EXTENSIONS AND IMPROVEMENTS TO THE LIGHTER WHARF AREA.

This contract will probably comprise the following works:

- (i) The provision of a northwards extension of the Lighter Wharf area involving the construction of up to 150 meters of quay wall using steel sheet piles: the reclamation of land to form storage areas by the deposition of filling material obtained from land borrow areas as well as services and other minor works.
- (ii) The redevelopment of the existing Lighter Wharf area involving the demolition of existing buildings: the construction of roads and paved storage areas and alterations to services.
- (iii) The construction of a new cargo storage area to the east of the Lighter Wharf area involving earth moving and the construction of roads, paved storage areas and services.

The contract will provide for the Northwards Extension of the Lighter Wharf area to be completed within 9 months of the award of the contract.

3. The foregoing descriptions of contracts are intended merely to give an indication of the nature and scope of work which may be included in the contracts. The Ministry of Transport reserves the right to vary from the foregoing descriptions in the nature and scope of work actually included in tender documents.

4. Contractors with relevant experience who wish to be given the opportunity to tender for each or both contracts should apply in the first instance to the Ministry of Transport, P.O. Box 1929, Amman, Jordan, for forms giving details of the information to be submitted for prequalification purposes. These forms will be issued to interested firms on and after 25th February, 1976. They must be filled in 3 copies and in English and returned to the Ministry of Transport with all the necessary information and supporting documentation by 12 noon on 1st April 1976.

5. For any further information about the above works, contractors may contact the Consulting Engineers — Parsons Brown and Newton/Jouzy and Partners — Joint Venture in Amman or London.

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22 Greencoat Place,  
Westminster — London SW1  
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JOUZY AND PARTNERS,  
P.O. Box 9112,  
Tel. 63902,  
Amman, JORDAN.

6. The Ministry of Transport will notify contractors who have successfully qualified to bid for the work and supply them with information regarding the preparation of bids. Reason for rejection of applicants for prequalification will not be given.

مكتبة النخيل

In your garden

New plants from old (Part I)

available propagators with a rigid plastic cover. The compost should be kept moist; if it is too wet the cuttings will rot. An occasional spray with a fine mist from a hand sprayer or syringe is also beneficial.

The best rooting medium for cuttings is a mixture of equal parts peat moss and sand or one of the proprietary peat-based composts. Cuttings will ro-

As the roots are very delicate and easily damaged they should be handled with extra care during planting. On a small scale, cuttings are best planted in pots and will root more quickly if planted round the edge, actually touching the side of the pot. After planting, they should be placed in a warm position near a window but not in direct sunlight.

cutting. Stem cuttings fall into three categories; softwood, semi-hardwood and hardwood and whilst the treatment is basically the same in all cases, there are certain important differences.

Softwood Cuttings are those from plants whose stems are normally soft, such as geraniums. They are likely to be more successful, from a beginners point of view, than the other two, since they root more easily. The best cuttings are made from non-flowering side shoots or the tips of well grown plants.

Ideally they should be no more than 2 to 4 inches long (5-10cm) as these make the best plants. They also take up less room and you get more to a pot. Each cutting should be trimmed with a razor blade or sharp knife at an angle of 45°, about 1/4 inch (5cm) below a node (leaf joint). The lower le-

aves and any buds, should be pulled or trimmed off and the cutting inserted for 1/2 to 2/3 of its length in the cutting compost.

Plants which may be successfully propagated from softwood cuttings include begonia, chrysanthemum, coleus, dahlia, carnation, fuchsia, salvia, verben-

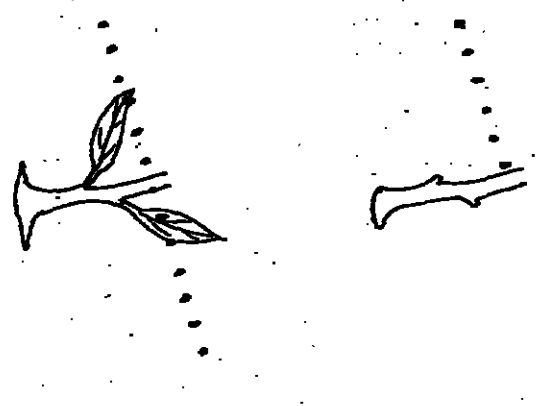
Semi-Hardwood Cuttings are taken from half-ripened stems which are not yet woody and are still quite flexible. They should be trimmed in the same way as softwood cuttings, but are usually somewhat longer, depending on the species. Sometimes they are taken with a 'heel' - the small portion of the parent branch attached to the base of a side shoot when it is pulled off. The heel should be trimmed so that the edges are smooth, and the lower leaves removed. Cuttings of many

broad-leaved trees and shrubs (cotoneaster, forsythia, fuchsia, jasmine, honeysuckle, lavender, lilac, plumbago, pyracantha) and conifers (cypresses of various kinds, juniper) may be treated in this way. They are usually taken during the summer months.

Semi-hardwood cuttings may also be taken from indoor plants such as Cissus (kangaroo vine), Fatsia and Ficus

(rubber plant), taking pieces of stem about 1 inch long (3cm), each with a leaf attached, and inserting them up to the leaf joint, in the cutting compost. Philodendron, Dracaena (dragon plant), Dieffenbachia (dumb cane) and Hoya (wax flower) may be treated in a similar way, except that the leaf is removed and the cutting laid horizontally on the soil, and pressed gently into it.

(to be continued)



Coleus Cutting with lower leaves stripped off.



'Heel' Cutting — before trimming (left) and after trimming

Once roots have formed, they should be transferred to individual pots filled with potting compost. As this usually entails some roots disturbance, the plants should be protected from direct sunlight for several days until they are established. There are many different types of cuttings, of which the most widely used is the stem

Some cuttings - and these are probably the most rewarding for the beginner - root quite happily in a glass of water. These include fuchsia, busy lizzie, coleus, african violet and oleander.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Overseas Citizens Voting Rights Act of 1975 (Public Law 94-203) provides that all U.S. nationals living abroad shall have the right to register to vote and to cast their ballots in any Federal election, general, special or primary, provided each meets the qualifications and requirements of the State in which he/she is registering, that he maintains no domicile in any other state, and that he possesses a valid passport or card of identity. The State in which a person registers will either be that of which he is a domiciliary or, if he has no domicile in the U.S., the one in which he last resided before he left the U.S.

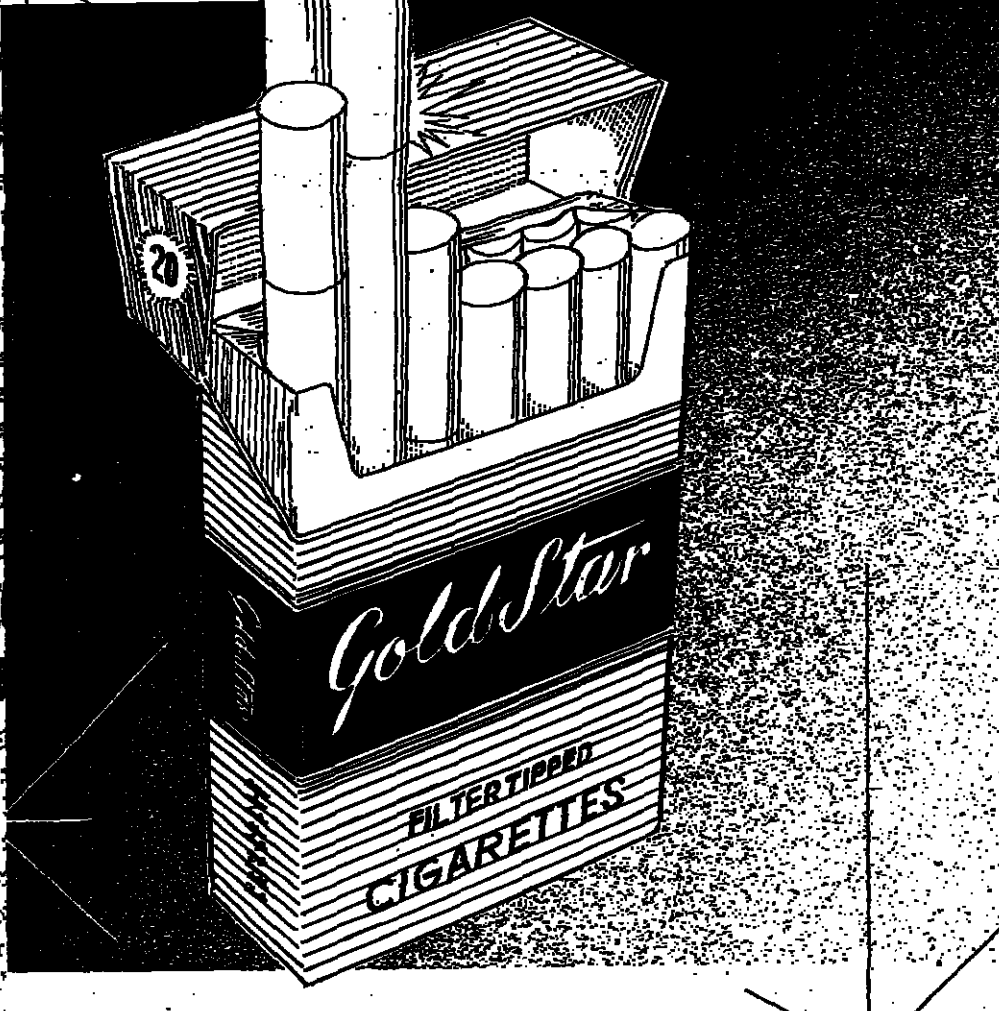
The 1975 Act requires that an application for registration be received by State election officials at least 30 days before election day in order to be given consideration. Absentee ballots must be received by State officials no later than the time the polls are closed on election day in order to be counted.

For further information contact the U.S. Embassy Consular Section between the hours of 8-4:30 Saturdays through Wednesday.

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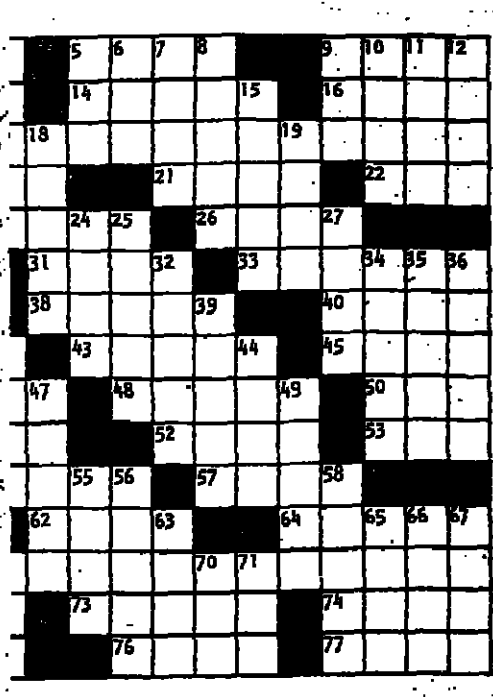
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City of EsSalt Sewer  
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Waste Water  
Treatment Plant

- Advertisement for pre-qualification of contractors. Municipality of the City of EsSalt expects to invite Bids in the third week of April 1976 from prequalified contractors for the construction of EsSalt storm water, sanitary sewage net work and sewage treatment plant located in EsSalt. Pre-qualification is open to qualified Jordanian contractors and specialized International Contractors in joint venture with Jordanian qualified contractors.
- The work includes the following (with approximate quantities).
  - Sanitary sewage net work 30,760 m Length.
  - Storm water drainage net work 2,557 m Length.
  - Sewage treatment plant Oxidation Tank System.
- Contractors interested in bidding for this project shall supply the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Amman - Jordan, with documentation of their personnel, experience and similar projects executed. This should be submitted to H.E. Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs, Amman - Jordan, accompanied with any other relevant information. This submission should be received not later than 12 noon on Saturday 20th of March 1976.
- Municipality of City of EsSalt will notify contractors who have been successfully qualified to bid for the work and supply them with information regarding the preparation of bids. Reasons for rejection of application for pre-qualification will not be necessarily disclosed.

Mayor of EsSalt Municipality.

Word Puzzle



- ACROSS
- 1 LBJ son-in-law
  - 5 Dissemblance
  - 9 At a fast
  - 13 Her Lat.
  - 14 South Pacific Islands
  - 16 Surrounding quality
  - 17 Ambulance chasers: 3 wds.
  - 20 Upstanding
  - 21 File content: Abbr.
  - 22 Deighton
  - 23 Gaggle member cry
  - 25 "Brevity is the of wit"
  - 28 Epistolary addendum addendum
  - 31 Substance
  - 33 What 17 Across participate in
  - 37 Ally
  - 38 Former Turkish title
  - 40 Twarp
  - 41 Make a boo-boo
  - 43 Nettle

- 45 Spanish stew pot
- 46 Greenhorns
- 48 South American range
- 50 Wapiti
- 51 On-the-town tab taker
- 52 Krupa or Shalit
- 53 Get, in a way
- 54 Wearables
- 57 Leningrad's river
- 59 Id
- 62 Cabbage variety
- 64 Delesta
- 68 Words spoken at 33 Across
- 72 Wood quantity
- 73 Either starve it or feed it
- 74 Connections
- 75 Haws' partner
- 76 Ernie
- 77 This Span.

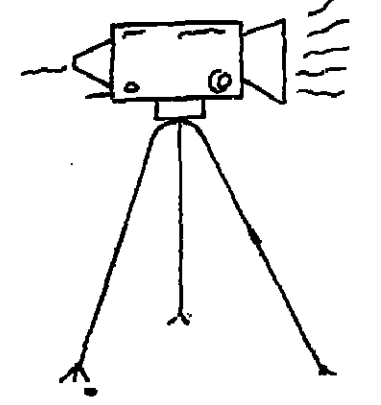
- DOWN
- 1 Edgar — Burroughs
  - 2 Swan genus
  - 3 Down in the dumps
  - 4 Where the ludee sits
  - 5 Wind direction
  - 6 Princely nickname
  - 7 Cupid
  - 8 Society's ways
  - 9 Kind of walk
  - 10 Respite
  - 11 Dies
  - 12 Chess man
  - 15 English horse race milieu
  - 18 Trample heavily
  - 19 Assyrian god of war
  - 24 One way to drink liquor
  - 25 Buckwheat groats
  - 27 Italian resort
  - 28 Jobs
  - 29 Hydra or coral, e.g.
  - 30 Veep who didn't contest
  - 32 Sandal attachment
  - 34 Van Gogh painting locale
  - 35 Textile center of France
  - 36 "Solomon — three thousand proverbs"
  - 39 Forest of fame
  - 42 Wine choice
  - 44 Hawaiian goose

- 47 Keep the fire going
- 49 — relations (part)
- 55 Fishhook
- 56 Van Winkle forte
- 58 Mountain spur
- 59 Imprint clearly
- 60 Brogan, for one
- 61 Kind of paper
- 63 What makes one green
- 65 Fire sale words
- 66 Printer's direction
- 67 Exon of yore
- 69 Cavity filler: Abbr.
- 70 Salt: Fr.
- 71 Puzzle preposition

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## Mao asks Nixon to convey regards to President Ford

PEKING, Feb. 23, (AFP). — The meeting, which lasted for one hour and 40 minutes, was also attended by Mrs. Nixon and one of the ex-president's assistants, John Brennan, and, on the Chinese side by acting Prime Minister Hua Kuo-feng, Foreign Minister Chiao Kuan-hua, Huang Chen, head of the Chinese liaison office in Washington, and Vice-foreign Minister Wang Hai-jung, the presumed niece of Chairman Mao.

The meeting took place four years and two days after Mr. Nixon became the first U.S. chief executive to visit China.

New China News Agency said Chairman Mao ended today's conversation by asking Mr. Nixon to convey his regards to President Ford when he returns home.

The party chairman shook hands with the American visitors when they arrived, and welcomed them to China.

Mr. Nixon had met Chairman Mao on February 21, 1972, during his "historic" visit to Peking as U.S. president. This time he is here as a private citizen on the invitation of the Chinese Government.

The atmosphere here seemed to have made a very good impression on Mr. Nixon, who, given the full presidential treatment since his arrival here, appeared to forget a little more as the visit continued that he was no longer head of state.

When he was introduced to a young, pretty Chinese girl of 23, Mr. Nixon exclaimed: "23 skidoo. 23 years old—get out get married."

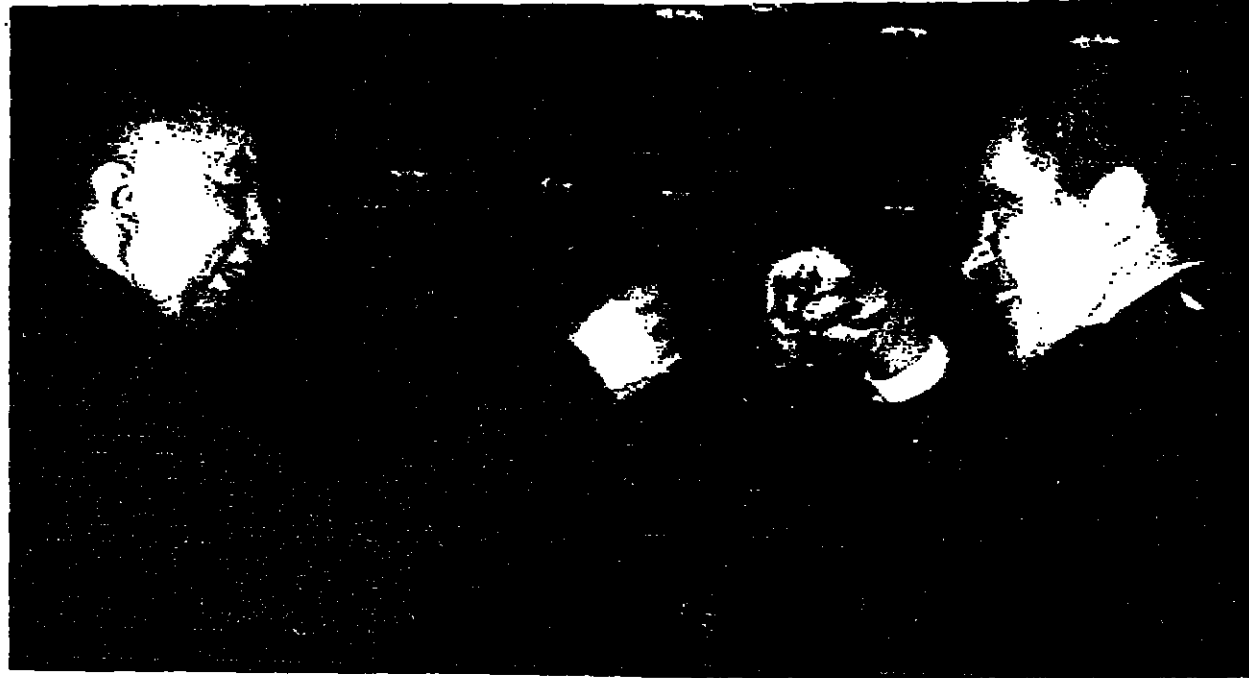
It was an old Middle West expression, explained Mr. Nixon who seemed well aware that in China the minimum age for marriage (for birth control reasons) laid down by the Communist Party is 23 for women and 25 for men.

Chairman Mao Tse-tung's wife Chiang Ching, one of the most radical Chinese leaders, made a conspicuous public appearance tonight beside former President Richard Nixon.

She arrived with Mr. Nixon at a concert given in honour of the latter at the Great Hall of the People.

Her presence was greeted with all the more interest since she makes very few public appearances.

I got 15 calls yesterday and I told each one I was going to vote for them just to shut them up," Mrs. Girardoux declared.



FRIENDSHIP TOAST. — Former U.S. President Richard Nixon (right) toasts acting Chinese Premier Hua Kuo-peng at a banquet at the People's Hall in Peking Sunday night.

## Greek, Turkish Cypriot negotiators happy with peace talks

VIENNA, Feb. 22, (R). — Greek Cypriot Leader Glafkos Clerides left here today for London, saying his talks with his Turkish Cypriot counterpart Rauf Denktaş had cleared procedural hurdles holding up real negotiations on the island's future.

Mr. Clerides said he would spend two days privately in London before returning to Nicosia, stopping overnight in Athens where he would brief the Greek government.

Mr. Denktaş, who also said he was happy with the five days of talks under the guidance of United Nations Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim, left Vienna yesterday for Ankara.

Mr. Clerides said he would spend two days privately in London before returning to Nicosia, stopping overnight in Athens where he would brief the Greek government.

Under an agreement announced yesterday, the two sides will exchange written proposals in six weeks in Nicosia, and meet here again with Mr. Waldheim in May to seek a common basis before handing the negotiations over to specialist committees.

"I think we are further forward in that we are committed to putting something concrete in the shape of proposals, so we can begin discussing the substance instead of procedural matters," Mr. Clerides said.

In Ankara Turkish Cypriot Leader Rauf Denktaş said, "in my view the five-day Vienna talks on the future of the island were quite successful."

Mr. Denktaş arrived here on Sunday to brief Turkish government leaders on the fifth round of the peace talks.

Mr. Denktaş began talks here today with the Turkish leaders, including Prime Minister Suleyman Demirel, Foreign Minister Ihsan Sabri Caglayangil and Chief of Staff General Semih Sancar.

The Turkish Cypriot leader is scheduled to meet President Fahri Koruturk tomorrow and will fly to Nicosia on Wednesday.

Police surrounded the national university here after charging students who stoned them, a police spokesman said. The students then burned effigies of Dr. Kissinger inside the campus.

In Medellin, about 400 kms northwest of here, students also burned effigies of Dr. Kissinger and two U.S. flags after police broke up a demonstration.

The decision taken for the establishment of the Arab Pharmaceutical and Medical Supplies Company, either in Damascus or Baghdad is a very important landmark in the progress of the conference, observers said.

The use of Arabic as a working language in WHO conferences has also met with a wide consensus.

Above all, the conference is coordinating efforts to adopt a unified Arab stand at the forthcoming WHO General Assembly in Geneva on May 3rd.

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Dr. Fakhro believes that permanent organisations should be established in the Arab World for coordinating regional health efforts.

In conclusion Monday, the acting Jordanian Minister of Health and Chairman of the conference, Dr. Mohammed Adoub Al-Zaben, expressed the hope that this first session of the Council of the Arab Ministers of Health will attain its aims of integrating Arab efforts in evaluating health and social standards in the Arab World, and in particular finding a plausible way to deal with health issues in the occupied territories.

## OAU conference opens an concern over Afars & Issa

ADDIS ABABA, Feb. 23, (AFP). — Delegations from all 47 member-nations of the Organization of African Unity (OAU) were present today for the opening of the 26th ministerial conference here.

For the first time Angola, to the applause of the assembled remembers, was able to take its seat as the OAU's 47th nation, recognition of the Soviet-backed (MPLA) government, the victor of the bitter civil war between the three rival independence movements.

After opening the conference with a resume of the principal problems facing Africa today—Angola, Southern Africa, Spanish Sahara and Djibouti (French territory of Afars and Issas)—Ethiopian head of state General Teferi Benti called on the delegates to observe a one-minute silence in memory of Nigeria's general Murtala Muhammed who was assassinated in Lagos earlier this month.

He called on the OAU to Guarantee Djibouti's independence and territorial integrity. Such a guarantee should not be mere words but should provide moral constraint and specific undertakings, particularly by neighbouring states, he said.

In his opening speech General Benti commented that the rest of the world had interpreted the OAU's previous inconclusive adjournment over the Angola issue as a failure. He added, however, that a solution to the Angolan dispute had now been found—to let the Angolan people deliver the verdict, which they had done.

In Djibouti the opposition African Peoples' League (LPA) has called for the "immediate" holding of a constitutional conference on independence presenting all political groups in this French Afars and Issas territory (TFAI).

Saturday, the LPAI said the conference should tackle issues:

The terms under which TFAI will become independent in order to bring about a "peaceful" transfer of power. The creation of "new" institutions likely to further the development of the integrity of our people's own territory."

The control of all "to ensure their sincere democratic character."

The LPAI suggested a conference chairman be based on his "wise independence" and that gates be given legal ground regarding their personal

Laos breaks of ties with Israel

VIENTIANE, Feb. 23 — The Laotian government has decided to end its diplomatic relations with Israel, it was officially announced today.

An official communiqué, having studied the situation of the political in the Middle East, the government had decided that was not respecting the Nations resolutions.

The government also announced its support for the Palestinian people, the communiqué said.

In Jerusalem foreign officials said the move had been expected since the et-Lao-led government took control in Vientiane some months ago.

Both Vietnam and Laos have also severed relations with Israel in past months.

Israel now has relations with some 70 states. Most African states have cut off relations following the October War in the East.

## Hassled grandma sums up the mood

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Nor were the Democrats able to boast a clear frontrunner in the New Hampshire primary, in which state voters select the candidate they prefer as presidential nominee for their particular party.

Of the Democrats former Georgia Governor Jimmy Carter was considered slightly in front, followed in order by Representative Morris Udall of Arizona, Senator Birch Bayh of Indiana and former Senator Fred Harris of Oklahoma.

The conservative Manchester-Union Leader newspaper, which is backing Mr. Reagan in the featured race against Mr. Ford, predicted this morning that the turnout tomorrow would not equal the record 214,961 vote in 1972.

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## Arab health ministers agree to fund-raising effort for Lebanon

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Council of the Arab Ministers of Health, instead of via bilateral support.

Furthermore, to support the Center for Research, Casualties, and Broken Bones in Lebanon, upon the request of the Lebanese Minister of Health, a committee has been formed to draft the final form of that support, Dr. Saadeh added.

Concerning the health problems of the Arabs in the occupied territories, the WHO Regional Manager for the Eastern Mediterranean, Dr. Abdel Hussein Taba, said:

"We are negotiating with the Israeli authorities in order to send a WHO investigating mission, and we hope that this mission will visit the occupied territories soon."



KENNEDY ROMANCE. — The National Enquirer has reported that President John F. Kennedy carried on a two-year romance with Mary Meyer (left) while he was in the White House. The Enquirer quoted James Truitt (center), a friend of both Kennedy and Miss Meyer. The Enquirer also quoted Miss Meyer's sister as saying that James Angleton (right) a former C.I.A. agent burned a diary of the affair.

Dr. Taba added that WHO is presently negotiating with Palestine Liberation Organisation health authorities in Damascus to meet their needs, and also to know in what way WHO can help promote the health of the Arabs inhabitants in the occupied areas.

The Syrian Minister of Health, Dr. Madani Al Khaimi, explained that a special session will be devoted to discussing health problems resulting from the bad treatment the Arabs under occupation are receiving. So far, the Arab countries have to rely only on international organizations to act on their behalf in extending aid.

Dr. Al Khaimi further said that the WHO mission that visited Jordan, Syrian and Egypt was not allowed by the Israeli authorities to visit the occupied territories.

In evaluating what has so far been achieved, the Egyptian Minister of Health Dr. Fuad Muhiiddin said that the establishment of an Arab fund for health development has translated decision into action by offering health and humanitarian services to Arab nationals, especially as relates to the Lebanese crisis.

The Arab fund has allocated 15 per cent of its funds for relief in Lebanon.

The declarations concerning medical practice, dentistry, the veterinary profession, the law governing the practice of pharmacy, food supervision and health administration were commended by Dr. Muhiiddin.

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The Bahraini Minister, Dr. Ali Fakhro, thinks the conference is spending too much time discussing financial and administrative matters at the expense of more relevant health hazards, such as trachoma or bilharzia, or scientific research and medical training.

Dr. Fakhro believes that permanent organisations should be established in the Arab World for coordinating regional health efforts.

In conclusion Monday, the acting Jordanian Minister of Health and Chairman of the conference, Dr. Mohammed Adoub Al-Zaben, expressed the hope that this first session of the Council of the Arab Ministers of Health will attain its aims of integrating Arab efforts in evaluating health and social standards in the Arab World, and in particular finding a plausible way to deal with health issues in the occupied territories.

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